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Good afternoon, and welcome to the state's Emergency Operations Center. The center is now fully activated as our Nevada agencies take part in the nation's largest terrorism response exercise to date Determined Promise '03.

Nevada jumped at the chance to have a role in this large scale emergency preparedness drill. This invaluable opportunity will test our state's response plans along side local and federal agencies.

While the scenarios used in this exercise are simulated, the training we receive, and subsequent benefit to the public, is very real.

Joining me today are members of our state's Emergency Response Team. These are the people who will mobilize together our resources in an emergency:

- Frank Siracusa, Division Chief, Nevada Division of Emergency Management
- Jerry Bussell, Special Advisor to the Governor on Homeland Security
- Dr. Bradford Lee, State Health Officer, Nevada State Health Division
- Dave Kieckbush, Acting Director, Nevada Department of Public Safety
- Major General Giles E. Vanderhoof, Adjutant General of Nevada, Nevada National Guard.

Also in attendance is:

- Jerry W. Grizzle, Major General, U.S. Army National Guard, Commander, Joint Task Force-Civil Support
- Jeff Griffin, Regional Director of Federal Emergency Management Agency Region Nine.

The state's Emergency Operations Center has a critical role as the hub of our crisis response efforts. The center is the single point of coordination for local, state and federal agencies, ensuring that emergency response needs are met. From trucks to sandbags, medicine to federal financial assistance, the state emergency operation center supports Nevada citizens and visitors in times of crisis by accessing and providing these resources to assist local communities.

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During an emergency, timely and accurate communication with the public is critical to the safety and security of the state. Members of the state's Joint Information Center are also participating in Determined Promise '03, supporting the efforts of the EOC just as they would in a real emergency.

During a crisis, the Joint Information Center pools the public information resources of the state thanks to the participation of public information officers from a number of state agencies.

After a few questions, I invite you to join us for a tour of the Emergency Operation Center.

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